



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 267
[2005 Senate Bill 370]

**Academic Excellence Higher
Education Scholarships**

Currently, the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) administers the Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship Program under which HEAB awards scholarships to certain scholars, designated on the basis of grade point average, who enroll, on a full-time basis, in a public or private institution of higher education in Wisconsin. Under this program, a higher education scholarship recipient who enrolls in an institution within the University of Wisconsin (UW) System or the Technical College System (TCS) is exempt from all tuition and fees, up to \$2,250 per academic year, for each year, up to four years in the UW System and three years in the TCS. The recipient in order to maintain eligibility must be enrolled full-time and achieve at least a 3.000 grade point average, and make satisfactory progress toward an associate or a bachelor's degree.

Act 267 extends eligibility for a higher education scholarship to a scholar enrolled in a two-year, full-time vocational diploma program, which is a program in an area designated and approved by the TCS Board for which the course requirements are established by the TCS Board.

Initial Applicability: Act 267 first applies to an academic excellence higher education scholarship originally awarded for the 2005-06 academic year.

Effective Date: The Act became effective on April 20, 2006.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.